



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

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Washington, D.C. 20231

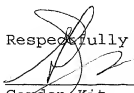
Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time of five months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action dated April 19, 2002, from May 19, 2002, to on or before October 21, 2002 (October 19 and 20, being a Saturday and Sunday, respectively).

A check for the statutory fee of \$980.00^{1/} is attached. The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 necessary to keep this application pending in the Patent and Trademark Office or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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^{1/} Applicants are entitled to small entity status as evidenced by the Small Entity Status Declaration filed October 5, 2001.